

# TALES OF THE UNUSUAL

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EVOLVING REINCARNATION: PART 2





ALRIGHT, WE'LL  
START YOUR ENTRANCE  
CEREMONY NOW.

A man with dark hair and a woman with dark hair are shown from the chest up. They both have nervous or slightly fearful expressions. The man is on the left, looking slightly to the right. The woman is on the right, looking forward. They are both wearing light-colored shirts. The background is dark and indistinct.

A-ALRIGHT..!



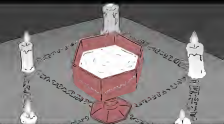
THIS MIGHT  
STING A BIT.

A close-up of a hand holding a knife. The hand is light-skinned and is holding the knife by the handle. The knife has a silver blade and a dark handle. The background is dark.

REACH



WHY THE HELL AM I STANDING HERE NAKED?  
HAVE I TOTALLY LOST IT?





YEAH. YOU'LL FEEL  
QUITE DIFFERENT  
AFTER YOU DRINK IT.

GULP

WHATEVER,  
I'LL JUST GO  
ALONE WITH IT-

GULP





I HOPE THERE ISN'T  
SOME WEIRD DRUG  
MIXED IN THIS..

GULP

GULP

WHAT IF THEY KNOCK  
ME OUT AND STEAL  
MY ORGANS OR  
SOMETHING..



WELL?

I DIDN'T  
REALLY TASTE  
ANYTHING..

I MEAN, HOW DO  
YOU FEEL?



NOW, READ YOUR  
PLEDGE OUT LOUD.

FIRST, MEMBERS OF THE EVOLVING  
REINCARNATION GROUP ARE  
GATHERED IN GOOD FAITH FOR  
A COMMON PURPOSE.



SECOND.....

THE FIRST IS

THE SECOND

THIRD.....

THE THIRD IS

THE FOURTH

A character with a speech bubble, surrounded by other characters in a dark setting.

FINALLY... I VOW NEVER  
TO TELL ANYONE ELSE  
ABOUT THE SECRETS  
OF THIS...

A close-up of a character's face showing a surprised expression, with a speech bubble above them.

HUH!!!??





AAAHHH!!

W-WHAT  
ARE THESE  
MONSTER..!!



HAHA,  
CALM DOWN  
BYEONGSU.



THIS MEANS THAT  
YOU'RE NOW A MEMBER  
OF OUR GROUP.

WHAT'S  
HAPPENING...!

WHAT DID  
YOU PUT IN  
THAT DRINK  
BEFORE...??



AAHHH!!!



A man with dark hair and a surprised expression is looking up at a large, white, feathered wing that appears to be floating in the air. The background is a dark, solid color.

NOW,  
CALM DOWN  
AND STAND UP  
BYEONGSU.

WHAT IS ALL THIS... IS THIS REALLY POSSIBLE?

AM I DREAMING OR SOMETHING...?

NOW, THERE ARE  
TWO KINDS OF MEMBERS:  
"NOVICES" AND  
"MASTERS."

BUT BECOMING  
A MASTER DOESN'T  
MEAN THAT YOU'RE  
ALL DONE.

IN ORDER TO ENTER  
THE LAST STAGE OF  
EVOLVING REINCARNATION,  
YOU'LL HAVE TO CREATE  
YOUR OWN MARKING



TO REGULAR PEOPLE,  
WE JUST LOOK LIKE  
HUMANS, BUT TO FELLOW  
MEMBERS, THIS IS WHAT  
WE LOOK LIKE.

WHAT YOU'RE SEEING  
NOW IS THE SPECIES  
THAT EACH MEMBER OF  
THE GROUP WILL BE  
REBORN AS.

YOU'VE NOW BEEN  
GRANTED THE POWER  
TO CHANGE YOURSELF.

BUT YOU HAVEN'T  
YET BEGUN THE PROCESS  
OF EVOLVING REINCARNATION,  
SO YOU STILL LOOK LIKE  
A HUMAN.



SOON, YOU'LL BE  
JUST LIKE US.





THIS PLACE IS  
HUGE..!

YEAH. NO ONE WOULD  
EVER GUESS WHAT WAS  
IN HERE BASED ON THE  
OUTSIDE, RIGHT?

AND MASTERS AREN'T  
ALLOWED TO HARM  
EACH OTHER WHILE  
THEY'RE CREATING  
THEIR MARKING.

SINCE BOTH THE ONE WHO  
KILLS ANOTHER MASTER AND  
THE KILLED MASTER WON'T BE  
ABLE TO REINCARNATE.



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AS YOU CAN SEE,  
THERE'S A SPIDER OVER  
THERE CREATING ITS  
OWN MARKING RIGHT NOW.



A SPIDER...?

LOOK CLOSELY.



AH...!



WE'VE CREATED THIS  
SEMI-OPEN SPACE FOR  
ALL DIFFERENT KINDS  
OF MASTERS.

WHAT ARE THOSE  
THINGS ON THE  
GROUND..



THAT'S A MARKING  
MADE BY A RAT  
MASTER.

IT USED IT'S OWN  
FECES TO CREATE IT.

THAT TOWER IN THE  
MIDDLE SUMMONS  
THE REINCARNATED  
MASTERS HERE...



WHEN YOU'RE FIRST  
REINCARNATED, YOU'RE  
DRAWN HERE BY THE TOWER'S  
POWER AND YOU LEAVE  
A MARKING.



THEN THE TOWER  
ALLOWS YOU TO EMBARK  
ON THE TRUE JOURNEY OF  
EVOLVING REINCARNATION.

BUT KEEP IN MIND THAT  
IF YOU DIE BEFORE YOU  
LEAVE A MARKING, YOU'LL  
BE GONE FOREVER.



MASTERS WHO CHOSE  
MORE ADVANCED SPECIES  
USED STONES OR BRANCHES  
TO CREATE THEIR MARKINGS.

A LOT OF THEM HAVE  
BEEN BLOWN AROUND  
A BIT BY THE WIND.



BUT HOW ARE THEY  
ABLE TO FIND THEIR  
WAY BACK HERE AFTER  
THEY'VE REINCARNATED..?

HM... IT'S KIND OF  
LIKE AN INSTINCT.

NEXT TIME, I'LL TELL  
YOU ABOUT HOW  
NOVICES BECOME  
MASTERS.



SO, WHAT THEY TOLD ME WAS THAT IN ORDER TO BE  
REBORN AS A HUMAN BEING, WE HAVE TO FIRST GO  
BACK TO BEING INFERIOR LIFE FORMS.  
THIS IS ALL SO CONFUSING FOR ME..



UGH..  
MY HEAD..

WAS IT THAT  
WEIRD WATER  
FROM YESTERDAY?

I FEEL LIKE MY HEADACHES  
ARE GETTING WORSE LATELY..

THERE'S NO WAY  
I BELIEVE ANY OF  
THAT CRAP FROM  
YESTERDAY.



SPROUT





HUH!?

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AAAHH~~!!

To be continued..